

**REMARKS / ARGUMENTS**

**1. Response to January 6, 2009 Notice**

The Office considers the Amendment electronically filed on March 3, 2008 to be non-compliant with Rule 1.4 because it contained an "electronic reproduction of a handwritten signature which fails to conform to 37 CFR1.4(d)(1)."

The attached Amendment is substantively identical to the Non-Compliant Amendment filed on March 3, 2008, except that an S-signature in compliance with Rule 1.4(d)(2) has been supplied. No new matter has been added.

The undersigned would note that photocopy signature used with the March 3 Amendment fully complies with Rule 1.4(d)(1) and has been accepted by the USPTO in numerous papers filed electronically over the years. Submitting an S-signature in place of the photocopy signature in this case is not an admission in this or in any other case that such signature is deficient under the Rules or a waiver of any arguments in support of the validity of such photocopy signature.

**2. Conclusion**

Claims 1 – 11, 13 – 16 and 21 - 26 are currently pending in this application, with claims 12 and 17 being withdrawn, and claims 18 - 20 being canceled.

Claims 10, 13, 14 and 15 have been amended herein and Assignee submits that each claim presented herein is patentable. A timely notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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If there are any questions or if additional information is needed, the Examiner is invited to telephone or email the undersigned.

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